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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### (U) Woodland – Spraying for West Nile Virus in Yolo County

(U) The Sacramento Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District will conduct aerial spraying for mosquitoes in Woodland because of a recent increase in West Nile activity. This week's triple digit temperatures are expected to make more mosquitoes hatch faster since heat speeds up their life cycles. 73 mosquito samples and 26 dead birds have tested positive for West Nile Virus in Yolo County this year. The aerial spraying announcement came on the same day that Yolo County Public Health announced two people in Woodland tested positive for West Nile Virus.

SOURCE: 26 July 2016, [Fox 40](#)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### (U) District of Columbia – US to Allow “Caregivers” for Central American Kids to Request Asylum

(U) Washington – The US government announced yesterday that it will permit Guatemalans, Hondurans and Salvadorans living legally in this country to request asylum for their children and for people they are “caregivers” for including older siblings, parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents. The US also will cooperate with Costa Rica to allow entry for the most urgent cases. The measures are part of an expansion of the program for Central American Minors announced in 2014. To date, this program has only granted 267 children and teens from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to enter the country despite the fact that asylum requests have skyrocketed in the past nine months.

SOURCE: 27 July 2016, [Latin American Herald Tribune](#)

##### (U) Maryland – Charges Dropped Against Baltimore Police Officers in Freddie Gray Case

(U) Baltimore – Prosecutors in Baltimore dropped all charges against the three remaining Baltimore police officers charged in Freddie Gray's death, concluding one of the most high-profile criminal cases in Baltimore history. Gray was a 25-year old black man whose neck was broken while handcuffed and shackled in the back of a police van in April 2015. His death added fuel to the growing Black Lives Matter movement, set off massive protests in the city and led to the worst riots in Baltimore in decades. The decision by prosecutors came after a judge acquitted three of the six officers charged in the case, including the van driver who the state considered the most responsible and another officer who was the highest-ranking of the group. A fourth officer had his case heard by a jury, but the panel deadlocked and the judge declared a mistrial.

SOURCE: 27 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

##### (U) Pennsylvania – Truck Driver Claims He Has Bomb, Crashes Through FBI Gate

(U) Pittsburgh – A dump truck driver who said he had a bomb deliberately smashed his truck through a security gate of the FBI's offices yesterday, but no bomb was found. The truck was disabled by security barriers meant to prevent vehicles from driving into the fenced-in office complex. The driver was injured during the crash, and no other injuries were reported. The driver faces numerous charges including

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aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person, fleeing and eluding and various driving offenses. At this time, authorities believe there are no links to terrorism.

SOURCE: 26 July 2016, [ABC News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) France– French Media Pull Photos of Attackers over “Glorification” Fears**

(U) Paris – France's Le Monde daily said today it would no longer publish photographs of killers responsible for terror attacks to avoid giving them "posthumous glorification." The country's biggest rolling news television channel, BFMTV, later confirmed that it was following suit, as did Catholic daily La Croix. BFMTV came under criticism for interviewing gunman Amedy Coulibaly during the January 2015 kosher supermarket siege in Paris in which four people died.

SOURCE: 27 July 2016, [Yahoo](#)

**(U) Netherlands – Ransomware Advice Service to Tackle Extortion Gangs**

(U) Den Haag – European police agency Europol is teaming up with cybersecurity companies in an initiative aimed at slowing an "exponential" rise in ransomware. The scheme revolves around a website that connects victims and police, gives advice and helps with data recovery. The number of ransomware victims tripled in the first three months of 2016. Co-ordinated by Europol, The No More Ransom site and initiative also involves the Dutch national police, Intel Security and Kaspersky Labs.

SOURCE: 25 July 2016, [BBC News](#)

**(U) Netherlands– Smartphone App Lets Users Decide Fate of Refugees**

(U) Amsterdam – Two journalists have launched a Smartphone app that dramatizes the asylum-seeking process and lets users ask tough questions of would-be refugees. With "The Detailed Interview" app, users select questions for actors portraying migrants from Syria and Guinea as they explain why they fled their homelands. Users then play the role of government officers who decide if the migrants are allowed in or rejected. The scripts used by the actors are based on actual migrant interviews. The journalists said they wanted to counter perceptions that it was easy to become a refugee in the Netherlands, which has seen a rise in far-right, anti-immigration sentiment.

SOURCE: 25 July 2016, [BBC News](#), [Reuters](#)

**(U) Somalia– Mogadishu Suicide Bomber Was Ex-MP**

(U) Mogadishu– A former military policeman (MP), Salah Nuh Ismail, was one of two suicide car bombers who carried out yesterday's deadly airport bombings in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu. Al-Shabab claimed responsibility for the attack that left 13 dead. The former MP's involvement in the latest attack marks a new trend, as up to now al-Shabab's suicide bombers have tended to be young and uneducated. Ismail was an MP from 2004 to 2010, when he declared allegiance to al-Shabab at a press conference in Mogadishu and then went missing. He was believed to be 57 years old.

SOURCE: 27 July 2016, [BBC News](#)

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